

**REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 31, 2007. Applicants amend the priority data set forth on page 1 of the specification and enclose a Supplemental Application Data Sheet herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the amended priority data.

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**

Applicants also enclose a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Forms 1449, with copies of the references for the Examiner's review and consideration.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on January 5, 2007. Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statements be considered and cited in the examination of the above-referenced application. Applicants attach a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed January 5, 2007, for the Examiner's convenience.

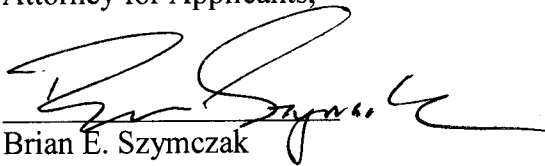
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of the application in light of the amendment set forth above.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$790.00 for the RCE to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation. Applicants believe there are no further fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.391.3961.

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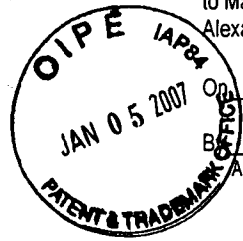
- Enclosures:
- 1) Supplemental Application Data Sheet.
  - 2) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal with an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Forms 1449.
  - 3) A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 filed January 5, 2007.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: David Hovda et al.

Application No.: 10/799,491

Filed: March 12, 2004

For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS**

Confirmation No.: 8367

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER  
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue there from.

These citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims.

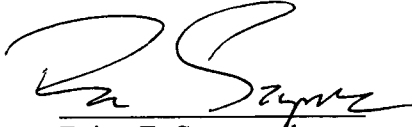
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	E.	3,920,021	11/18/75	Hiltebrandt	128	303	5/15/74
	F.	3,939,839	02/24/76	Curtiss	128	303	6/26/74
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	S.	5,419,767	05/30/95	Eggers et al.	604	114	8/24/93		
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